in improved availability in the units and reliable generation. As regards the tripping of the units of these Power Stations during grid disturbance on 02.01.2001, the protections provided on the units have successfully operated and saved the units from damage while the gas station of DVB did not trip and remained in operation.

(d) Unit No. 1 of IP Station which served over 34 years have since been retired for disposal. Delhi Vidyut Board has approved carrying out of renovation and Modernisation of Unit Nos. 2 to 5 of IP power plant. Report on residual life assessment of these units is under discussion and the short term & long term solutions are being formulated by NTPC, as a consultant appointed by DVB.

Power supply to Gujarat

†4320. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that power crisis has been prevailing in different parts of the country even now;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering to supply power to Gujarat; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Power supply position in the country during the year 2000-01 is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Gujarat has a share of 1531.4 MW in the central generating stations in the Western Region. In addition, Gujarat has been allocated 189.4 MW out of unallocated quota in Central Sector generating stations in Western Region. Gujarat is also getting an assistance of about 53 MW out of unallocated quota of Central Government in NTPC stations in the Eastern Region. Energy shortage in Gujarat during 2000-01 has been comparatively less than the energy shortages in other States of the Western Region.

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Statement

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Power Supply Position in the country during 2000-01

[25 April, 2001]

Region State/System April, 2000-March, 2001 Requirement Availability % Shortage 2 1 3 4 5 Northern: Chandigarh 1072 1068 0.4 4 Delhi 18575 17667 908 4.9 16793 482 2.8 Haryana 17275 3.2 H.P. 3190 3087 103 1049 16.4 J&K 6410 5361 26923 747 2.7 Punjab 27670 902 3.6 Rajasthan 25080 24178 U.P. 46295 39556 6739 14.6 Northern Region 145567 134633 10934 7.5 Western: 53038 47877 9.7 Gujarat 5161 39644 34747 4897 12.4 M.P. Maharashtra 79527 71184 8343 10.5 Goa 1576 1766 190 10.8 Western Region 173975 155384 10.7 18591 Southern: A.P. 47792 44055 3737 7.8 Karnataka 30242 27490 2752 9.1 Kerala 13564 12070 894 6.6 Tamil Nadu 42702 39462 3240 7.6 Southern Region 134300 123677 10623 7.9 Eastern: 9208 8563 645 7.0 Bihar D.V.C. 8510 -142-1.78368 -3.1Orissa 1171012670 -360-0.9West Bengal 18787 18958 -171Eastern Region 48073 48100 -27-0.1North Eastern 127.7 130.1 -2.4-1.9Arunachal P. 3092.9 3332.8 -240-7.8Assam 463.9 453.4 10.5 2.3 Manipur Meghalaya 563.9 605.2 -41.3-7.3249.7 256.5 -6.8-2.7Mizoram 226.0 231.9 -5.9-2.6Nagaland

1	2	3	4	5
Tripura	574.0	596.4	-22.4	-3.9
N.E.R.	5298.1	5606.3	-308	-5.8
All India	507216	467400	39816	7.8

Arrears of power boards

[†]4321. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was set up to submit report with regard to the arrears of power boards;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a time limit was also fixed for the submission of report by the Committee;
- (c) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government so far; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. An Expert Group under the chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission has been constituted. The terms of reference of the Group are as under:—

- (i) To recommend measures for one time settlement of outstanding dues of the State Electricity Boards towards the Central Public Sector Undertakings as also be dues from the CPSUs to State Power Utilities; and
- (ii) To suggest a strategy for capital restructuring of the State Electricity Boards including the provision of Structural Adjustment Loans so as to enable them to tide over the present financial crisis, make them operationally viable and improve their credit-rating.

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